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EDUCATIONAL WEEK PROGRAM

High School Students Heard an Interesting Educational Program Yesterday.

American Education week was observed in a fitting way by the high school yesterday afternoon, a program of unusual interest being given with President H. M. Crooks of Alma College and Chester R. Robinson, commander of the George W. Myers Post No. 132 of this city, as the speakers.

Some very interesting musical numbers were also rendered, including a solo by Miss Fromilda Young of Alma College, and two numbers by the girls' double trio.

In his address Mr. Robinson called attention to the ambitions and the policies of the American Legion as a peacetime organization. He also pointed out the illiteracy in the Army during the war, as showing the conditions which are still prevailing in this country. He urged that the students in the schools avail themselves of the opportunity to secure an education and also urged them not to overlook the opportunity to secure knowledge of the foreign languages.

President Crooks stressed physical education strongly, including gymnasium work, play grounds, etc., and urged that such educational work be made compulsory, or a re-creation of the physical education of the ancient days when everyone took part in games.

He spoke of the way that Alma high school products were establishing themselves at Alma College as has been shown through the range of the intelligence tests conducted there, showing that they are top-notchers.

In closing his address he urged that salaries should not be made the underlying principal in changing teachers in the schools, but that qualification should always be kept in the fore front.

A goodly number of parents from the city attended the exercises in response to the invitation of the high school.

Michigan Club Boys Do Well at Big Show

A team of Michigan boys, winners of the state championship in Boys and Girls Club judging events at the State Fair in September, finished seventh among nineteen state livestock judging teams at the International Livestock Show in Chicago last week.

Virginia, Iowa and Georgia ranked first, second and third, respectively, at the International. The competition was unusually keen this year, according to reports, all of the nineteen state teams doing splendid work.

Cecil Loomis of Jackson County, was high on the Michigan team, all three members of which came from Jackson County. He stood eighth among the sixty individuals judging in the Club division.

The Michigan team was trained by Nevels Pearson, assistant state leader of Boys and Girls Club work under the Michigan Agricultural College extension division. Mr. Pearson accompanied the team to Chicago.

WEATHER REPORT

The weather report submitted by F. L. Delavan, local co-operative observer, shows a mean maximum temperature for November of 47 degrees and a mean minimum of 34 degrees. The maximum was 59 degrees and the minimum 12 degrees.

The total precipitation for the month was 2.27 inches, the greatest amount in twenty-four hours being .79 inches on November 2. The total snowfall for the month was 1 inch. On 11 days .01 or more inches of precipitation fell. There were 3 clear days during the month, 7 part cloudy and 20 cloudy.

Local News

Ralph Pettit of Ithaca was in Alma on business Monday.

Christmas handkerchiefs at L. N. Baker's—advertisement 81-2wk

George Hatch of near Grand Rapids is visiting friends here.

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers—advertisement 02-1fc

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ellison and daughter spent the week end in West Branch visiting with relatives.

Mrs. F. M. Wise is able to resume her duties at the Alma State Savings Bank again.

Prof. Dittus was in St. Louis, Tuesday evening as one of the judges at the high school debate.

Novelty too numerous to mention at the M. E. Ladies' Aid Bazaar, Dec. 15th and 16th—advertisement

Dr. E. G. Shuyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones—advertisement

Willard Stange Battery Service Station, Vinger's Battery Service, 303 E. Superior St.—advertisement

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Beck of Hannah avenue, are the parents of a 9½ pound boy born to them this past week.

Prof. West is at Flint and Saginaw today acting as one of the judges in the high school debates in these towns.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gerber and son of Fremont visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gerber over the week end.

Buy your Christmas puddings at the M. E. Ladies' Aid bazaar, Dec. 15 and 16, at Hupmobile Salesroom—advertisement

Harry Owen of Ypsilanti visited with his family and mother, Mrs. E. Owen, of West Center street, over Thanksgiving.

See our ad of house for sale at 430 Hannah avenue. Write to W. F. Sander, Belding, or see P. W. Creaser, Alma—advertisement

Paul Cash, who is attending the U. of M., spent Thanksgiving and the week end in this city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Cash.

Paul Hamilton is in Ithaca today as one of the judges at the Ithaca-Elletts debate. Mr. Lee Sharrar of the college is also one of the judges.

Mrs. Zoe Wheaton, who is teaching at Flint this year, spent Thanksgiving and the week end in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wheaton.

Miss Esther Dunham returned to Ertle Creek the first of the week after spending Thanksgiving and the week end here visiting with her mother and her brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Burton and son of Wyandotte are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ross, and family of Elwell, and with Alma friends for a few days.

Fancy hand-made pillow slips is one of the numerous items suitable for Xmas gifts at the M. E. Ladies' Aid Bazaar, Dec. 15 and 16. First door west of Strand—advertisement

Mrs. Smith, medium, 514 W. Center street. Her many patrons from this vicinity express surprise and pleasure. Reading true to life. See her and be convinced—advertisement

The Gift Shop open December 20 and 21. Two days only. Owned and operated by The Ladies of the Christian church in building formerly occupied by the Durkee Music House.—advertisement 80-4w

Mr. J. G. Biery of Midland, Michigan, will give a free public lecture on the subject, Satan's Empire Falling—Millions Now Living Will Never Die, at the Odd Fellow hall, Alma, Michigan, Sunday, December 10, at 7:00 p. m., eastern time. Seats free. No collection.—advertisement

The Alma Shrine No. 26, White Shrine of Jerusalem will hold its annual Christmas bazaar in the dining room of the Masonic Temple, Friday, Friday afternoon an entertainment will be given by some school children of Ithaca, assisted by some little dancers of this city. Saturday a jitney dance will be held.

The Ladies Aid Society of East Superior Christian Church meet for an all day meeting Wednesday with Mrs. Julian Smith on Grasmere St. A dinner was enjoyed by many members and friends of the Church. The ladies spent the day in working for their Gift Shop. The Gift Shop will be open in the building formerly occupied by the Durkee Music House, Dec. 20 and 21.—adv.

A number of girls met with Mrs. H. H. Anderson Tuesday evening. After a pot luck supper they organized a new high school girls' Bible class to be known as "The Wide-Awake Class." Officers were elected and plans laid to make this a very efficient, congenial class. As a motto they have chosen, "It's the songs you sing and the smiles you wear, that make the sun shine everywhere."

EAST ALMA

The new officers of the Parent-Teacher Club are as follows:—President, Mrs. Frank Porter; Vice President, Mr. Harold Dean; Secretary, Miss Johnson; Treasurer, Miss Marja Ferris.

The Ed Hinterleiter family have moved from Michigan avenue to a home on Hannah avenue.

Miss Marja Ferris, Republic school teacher, was taken to Dr. Carney's hospital and operated on for appendicitis recently.

Miss Stitt and Miss Trapp spent the Thanksgiving season with Miss Stitt's Aunt at Bay city.

The father of Mrs. Elmer Clark, Elwell street is lying very sick with typhoid fever.

Mrs. Steve Griffith, Hannah avenue and her daughter, Mrs. Campbell, and two children, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Griffith's daughter in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Peterson and family went to Elsie to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Peterson's mother, Mrs. Eschtruth. The reunion included twenty-three members of the family.

Miss Jennie Bullen, a former nurse at the Carney hospital, who has spent the summer at Cadillac is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ed Wing on Hayes avenue.

Walter Martin, Eastward street was home from Detroit to spend Thanksgiving with his family.

Amni Frost, who boards with Mrs. Cole, Grove avenue had his wrist dislocated when working at his job at the Sugar Factory.

Mrs. Harry Terwilliger and children of Clare spent Thanksgiving with Alma friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, (nee Vera Hare) of Lansing have a seven and a half pound baby boy born to them on Saturday, November 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Murphy, Grove avenue have a baby boy born to them on Friday, December 1.

Mrs. Orlin Campbell, Hannah avenue, who has been in the hospital in Howell for the last month, has been dismissed as cured.

James W. Pitmon; Eastward street cut his foot badly while chopping wood in the yard.

Norman Bradley, Michigan avenue has a bad attack of Grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wright and Mrs. Olive Cole, Grove avenue had a narrow escape from what might have been a fatal accident. They were motoring towards Ithaca to visit a sick relative on a farm east of Alma, when suddenly trying to get out of the way of a heavy truck, their car fell into a large mud hole on the side of the road. Mrs. Cole was pinned down under her two companions, but happily was rescued just in time to avoid serious mishap.

There will be the usual services at Eastminster Chapel, on Sunday and a moving picture reel will be shown on the screen Sunday night at seven o'clock. The ministry of Rev. Gelston is greatly appreciated and the number of young people who stay over from Sunday school for the Morning Worship at 11:30 is very gratifying. If you have not heard Rev. Gelston, come out Sunday with your children and hear him. You'll get a hearty welcome.

She Could See the Man.

When Grandmother Burch was beyond her threescore and ten, with uncertain eyesight, she amazed and perplexed her married daughter, with whom she lived, by declaring that she intended to marry an old man living nearby, who had been coming to see her.

"But, mother," said her daughter in protest, "you are not very well, and your eyesight is falling so fast you cannot see 50 rods away."

The old lady protested that she could see "real good," and her daughter said:

"We will put it to the test. If that old man comes around today I will have him stand near the barn and see if you can really see him. Be honest about it."

The old lady agreed to this, and the aged suitor appeared a few hours later. He was asked to stand at one corner of the barn, and the old lady came out to be put to the test. Standing in the door of the kitchen she shaded her eyes with one hand and finally said:

"Well, I can't somehow or other see the barn, but I do see the man!"—Judge.

New Use for Typewriter Cases.

A new use has been found for the carrying case of a widely known make of portable typewriter. The owner, who is very enthusiastic about her machine, recently was planning a week-end trip. When she began to pack she found that another member of the family had borrowed her traveling bag. She was at her wit's end to solve the difficulty. She must either abandon the visit or turn borrower herself and there was little time left in which to do the latter.

Then she had a brilliant idea, and the typewriter was removed from its case, set away on the piano and the necessities for the week-end visit were packed.

As the young woman started for the train, case in hand, she admonished the only member of the family who had witnessed the proceedings:

"And don't tell any of the rest that I have my clothes in this. Let them think it is the typewriter I am taking, or the next time I won't even have the case to fall back on."

Turkey has twenty-six legal holidays in the year, when business is suspended.

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EMERSON AND BETHANY

Bert Anderson and family from near Elm Hall were Sunday guests at Ivan Cole's.

Charley Anderson, Jack Beebe and Vern Crumbaugh spent Friday in Ithaca.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beebe entertained his parents Sunday.

Elva Andrews from St. Louis spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents.

Clyde and Beulah Anderson spent Sunday at Ed. Bosleys.

Willie Jackson who has been quite sick is able to be out again.

Philosopher's Nickname.

The Patriarch of Ferney was a name given to Voltaire (1694-1778), the French philosopher, of whom Thomas Carlyle said, "Voltaire is the Eighteenth century," because he retired to the village of Ferney, near Geneva, Switzerland, where he produced much of his work.

Many Breeds of Dogs.

Authorities list 51 breeds of dogs as comprising the category found at the leading dog shows held under the auspices of recognized kennel clubs. These are all that are used in the ordinary vocations or sports of life.

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